

Please hold an in person public hearing for Sedat 4A PAS2D702BALL

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To whom it may concern,

Residents in Plum Borough, Pennsylvania have recently learned of your "public" hearing for the Sedat 4A Class II-D wastewater disposal well.

<https://www.epa.gov/pa/underground-injection-control-uic-program-notice-draft-permit-penneco-environmental-solutions>

I think it is important that you realize that the virtual hearing is a significant obstacle for the residents who will be most affected by this proposed facility. Please reconsider the virtual-only nature of this hearing, and schedule an in-person hearing. Additionally, as residents have just found out about the hearing, there is insufficient time to react to the various issues in the draft UIC permit, including finding experts who are able to participate at the scheduled time. These people already have direct experience from the Sedat 3A well (PAS2D701BALL), and you owe the community a fair chance to have their say, with the people making the decision on whether to approve the 10-year permit listening to them from across the room, rather than on a screen on an MS Teams link. Speaking of which, MS Teams is the least user-friendly of all of the various virtual meeting options, with technical glitches and poor documentation too frequently keeping participants from meetings. And this meeting is extremely important.

In summary, please postpone this meeting and have an in-person component for local residents.

Thanks,
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